



Foggy Bottom News

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NEXT MEETING:

Monday April 28
8 PM
St. Paul's Parish House
2430 'K' Street, NW

Beautifying Foggy Bottom

LET'S CELEBRATE 1976—BY
BEAUTIFYING FOGGY BOT-
TOM

The speaker for the April meeting will provide some thought-starters for possible neighborhood improvement projects in our area. Pride in our nation starts with pride in our neighborhood, the basis behind a system for projects in the city's neighborhoods being encouraged by the District and Federal governments.

Ms. Helen Mitchell, Chief of the Neighborhood Improvement Section, Office of Bicentennial Programs of the District, will discuss ideas for projects, and explain what resources the city will provide to assist in any project the neighborhood decides to undertake.

Please come and bring your ideas, suggestions and questions. Let's do something special in 1976 for our already "special" Foggy Bottom.

Area ANC Participants

Eight area residents have been appointed to participate on the Ward Two Advisory Neighborhood Council Commission.

Commission members from precinct 4 are Lucille Duprat, Marsha Silverman, Robert Charles and Bob Kunning. Participating from precinct 3 are Eugene Goodridge, Howard Feldman, Dick Palco and Marthlu Bledsoe. There are presently no Commission members from precinct 2. A caucus spokes-person said that the caucus was actively seeking participants from precinct 2 and requested that interested persons contact any area Commission members or Richard Westbrook, Wardwide Commission Chairman. Mr. Westbrook's telephone number is 382-1116.

The ANC Commission was organized by Councilman John Wilson to provide recommendations on organization and structure to the City

Council. The area members have chosen the working name of Washington Circle ANC Caucus and have recommended that ANC include precincts 2, 3, and 4. Geography, historical background, common interests and concerns, and ease of voting were mentioned as some of the reasons precincts 2, 3, and 4 would be an effective Advisory group.

The Washington Circle Caucus also agreed that single member districts within the ANC should be based on a population of 2000. Based on the 1970 census, the Washington Circle ANC would have a population of approximately 14,800.

During coming months the Caucus and the full Commission will also make recommendations of Finance, Structure, Powers, Internal and External Relationships, Election Criteria and Boundaries.

M. Bledsoe

In the textbook, "PARLIAMENTARY LAW" by General Henry M. Robert, gives the definition of a quorum thus: 'A QUORUM is the number of members required to be present at a meeting in order that the assembly may transact business. In an organized society, or a board, or a committee, the quorum is a majority of all the members unless the bylaws authorize a different quorum.'

What do YOUR bylaws say a quorum is for YOUR organization? As your parliamentarian, a copy of the bylaws must be studied, so I know that in your association the quorum is twenty-five members in order to vote on any action. This means that THAT member must be present in order that any business can be legally transacted. The quorum refers to the number present, not to the number voting. It is usually recommended by parliamentarians that the bylaws state a quorum as large as can be depended upon to be present at every meeting when the weather is not exceptionally bad.

ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER which is the authority of your association says there can be no business transacted in the absence of a quorum other than the motion to fix a time to which to adjourn, in the hopes that at THAT time a quorum would be obtained. IF an organization or association DOES regularly have such attendance that there is no difficulty in meeting the count of quorum, then the bylaws are satisfactory. However, if it is observed that there are more guests than official voting members, it would be best to facilitate matters by changing the bylaws to a lesser number or better still to a percentage figure.

In a committee, the majority is a quorum, unless the assembly orders otherwise. For that reason it is best to have odd-numbered committees, three, five, seven, etc.

While no question can be decided in the absence of a quorum, a member cannot be

interrupted WHILE SPEAKING in order to make the point of no quorum. The debate may continue in the absence of a quorum until some one raises the point while no one is speaking.

This, I think, is very important, as was brought out, at least in my thinking, at the last meeting: While a quorum IS competent to transact any business, it is usually NOT expedient to transact important business unless there is a fair attendance at the meeting, or else some previous notice of such action has been given.

Care should be taken in amending the rule providing for a quorum. If the rule is struck out first, then the quorum instantly becomes a majority of all members! In that case in many societies it would be nearly impossible or impracticable to secure a quorum to adopt a new rule. The proper way, of course, is to amend by striking out certain words (or the whole rule) and inserting certain other words (or the new rule), which is made and voted on as one question.

You will agree that in large associations, meeting for one or two hours once a month it is the exception when a majority of the members is present at a meeting. And if ANY business, whether important or urgent or not, is to be transacted LEGALLY quorum must be on hand, and if not, the action of the assembly is null and void. If someone on the program wants the assembly to act on some resolution or motion, it behooves that person to see that enough members are notified in advance and are in attendance so that legal action CAN be taken. As a parliamentarian, I think the most enjoyable meetings are those where members attend AND participate, whether pro or con. RROR, Page 258-259, cites "If there is no prospect of there being a quorum the chairman should not take the chair until a quorum is present."

One question to me was "is a roll call necessary to make a

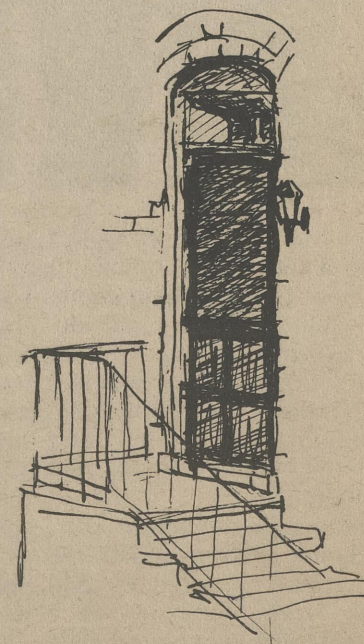
meeting legal? No, a roll call is unnecessary in most organizations and is a waste of time. If it is necessary to know if a quorum is present, a show of hands could be counted and recorded.

Now, I must repeat, a parliamentarian may advise the presiding officer but the parliamentarian has no authority to DECIDE questions for an organization or association. The presiding officer is the only person authorized to decide questions of order or to make rulings. It is an incorrect use of parliamentary terms to speak of the "decision" or the "ruling" of a parliamentarian.

Inasmuch as Robert is your parliamentary authority the information herein is from Robert. If you are interested, I can refer to my library and write on opinions from other parliamentary authorities, like Demeter, or Sturgis, or the old old Cushing, or Langam. I even have the most important one of all, Jefferson's Manual, which is still used by the Congress of the United States.

As I have indicated, parliamentary procedure can be a fascinating study, and I would welcome any inquiries that I can try to answer for you.

Mae Rapport, CPS
Parliamentarian



Letters

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Mr. Dick Palco
President
The Foggy Bottom Association

Dear Mr. Palco

Thank you for your communication of 5 February regarding the problem of unsafe pedestrian traffic related to our building's semicircular driveway.

We have consulted the Traffic Division of the D.C. Highway Department regarding possible improvement of the area and we are awaiting a report.

In the meantime, I have given instructions that all vehicles must be parked in such a way to correct the situation which you have brought to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

Hector R. Acuna
Director

525 TWENTY-THIRD STREET,
N.W., WASHINGTON,
D.C. 20037, U.S.A.

25 march 1975

March Meeting



Our March 31 meeting got off to a lively start thanks to Mr. Joe Davis, Chairperson, City-Wide Housing Coalition. His informative talk on the efforts expended to alleviate the problems created by condominium conversions and the rent increase was well received.

We then went underground. Mr. Frank Waram of Bechtel Corporation, assisted by Mr. Frank Smith, took us on a subway tour (via colored slide photos, and Mr. Waram's fine narration), for a look see at

April 1, 1975

Letter to the Editor:

Did you ever feel the need for more time at a meeting? At the last one we have to admit we had two wonderful programs and as a bunch of us were walking home we all agreed it would have been wonderful to have had one OR the other as a full program, so that we wouldn't feel rushed at the question and answer period! One speaker with a good topic and a good audience is rare these days of meeting-going, so the March 31st meeting of Foggy Bottom was indeed unique, we HAD TWO! The program chairman should get much appreciation from the members.

But next time, could we have just one?

Mae Rapport, CPS
2020 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006



Anti-Rabies Week

The Department of Human Resources has announced that the week of April 28-May 3 will be "Anti-Rabies" week in the District.

Free anti-rabies shots will be given to dogs belonging to District residents at several locations throughout the city during that week.

District law requires that all dogs over three months of age receive anti-rabies vaccinations and that the vaccinations be repeated annually. Owners may take their dogs to the DHR clinics or to their private veterinarians for the shots. The law does not require that cats be inoculated.

This year's anti-rabies inoculation clinics will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 28 through Friday, May 2 and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 3, in the following locations:

Northwest:

Adams School, 19th and California Streets, N.W.
Community Health Services Clinic, 3246 P Street, N.W.
Alice Deal Junior High School, Fort Drive and Nebraska Avenue, N.W.

For further information, contact:
DHR Office of Community Relations, 629-6412

FBNews wishes a speedy recovery to Mrs. Ethel Liggan, Association Treasurer, who returned from the hospital a short time ago.

We regret the passing of Gladys Gilliam, former owner of the Marg-Ann Beauty Salon. Mrs. Gilliam, a long-time advertiser with the Foggy Bottom News, had only recently retired from her business.

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Toby and her mother have been the subject of several articles already, so their last name is not being mentioned. But she shows no more shyness in talking about Toby with pride and joy than any other new mother. Congratulations!

We will miss CAL MOORE who has moved from 25th & Pennsylvania, taking his lovely and loved plants with him. That corner for several years has been considerably brightened by window boxes crammed with magnificent petunias. Hope his new neighbors enjoy the flowers as we did.

And most sorely missed will be Mellonas', a Foggy Bottom tradition. The small neighborhood restaurant and bar has been in its L Street location for longer than most of us can remember. The fine Mellonas family offered a congenial spot for a friendly beer or a lunch or dinner, obviously home-cooked and at very reasonable prices. We wish the family good fortune—with thanks for their years of good service.

Are You a Member?

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Soupeon*

by Dorth Arnold

A Mexican menu is an inexpensive way to give a supper or luncheon. To make it festive mix all brightly colored glassware, pottery, colored napkins, paper flowers of all sizes and play Mariachi music in the background. You might buy or make a Pinata for your blindfolded guests to break and share the goodies for a bonus dessert.

Sharp cheddar cheese ball rolled in chili powder
Crackers
Beer
*Gazpacho
*Tamale pie
Salad of orange slices with Spanish onion rings
Pineapple sherbet
Coffee

*Gazpacho

For each person mix in a large bowl the following.

1/4 clove garlic
1/4 slice of white bread
1/4 cup of cold water
2 T olive oil
1 cup tomato juice

1/4 chopped medium sized onion

1/4 chopped green pepper

Then blend in blender, a few cups at a time, until it is all quite well pureed.

Chill until ready to serve.

*Tamale Pie (for 6)

Fry: 1/2 pound sausage until done. Then pour away grease.

Add: 1 pound ground beef. Brown

Add: 1 clove garlic, minced; 1 cup chopped onion; 2 cups diced celery. Simmer.

Add: 1 large can whole tomatoes and 2 cups whole corn, 1 T salt, 3 T chili powder.

Add: Slowly 3/4 cup corn meal. Stir and cook until the whole thing thickens (about 10 minutes).

Add: one can whole, pitted black olives and 1 1/2 cups grated sharp cheese.

Pour into greased 2 quart casserole and bake 350 degrees for 45 minutes.



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April 29-30 Husbands
Faces
May 1-5 Little foxes
Wuthering Heights
May 6-7 Best Years of Our
Lives
Dodsworth

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Hit-Run Victim Identified


A pedestrian who was the last 15 years, died at struck and killed by a car at George Washington University Hospital shortly after the accident. He had no wallet or other identification on him at the time, police said. Police hit-and-run squad detectives looking for a car driver described by witnesses as olive-skinned, 43, of 2514 K St. NW. Correa, a waiter at a restaurant near his apartment for green. *Reprinted from Wash Post*



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A writeup of each Sunday's Wanderbird hike appears in the Washington Post on Sundays and the Star-News on Tuesdays. Those interested may obtain a free schedule by mailing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Tom Kusuda, Director of Public Relations, 4319 Rosedale Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

SPRING PREVIEW CAPITAL HIKING CLUB APRIL, MAY, 1975

The Capital Hiking Club has outings every Sunday of the year which are open to the public. The spring schedule is as follows:

- Sun Apr 27 Bull Run Regional Park, Va.—annual wildflower hike—about 8 miles
- Sun May 4 Double Top Mt., Shenandoah National Park, Va.—about 9 miles in a seldom visited area of the Park
- Sun May 11 Wolf Gap, Big Schloss/Geo. Washington National Forest, Va. & W. Va.—choice of 5 or 9 mile hike.
- Sun May 18 Hopewell Gap Area, Bull Run Mts., Va.—8 mile hike
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